

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A duplexer comprising  
a ladder filter and a multimode filter that are  
5 formed on an identical surface of a predetermined  
substrate,

10 a first comb-like electrode of the ladder filter  
and a second comb-like electrode of the multimode  
filter having an identical layer structure with an  
equal film thickness,

15 the first comb-like electrode and the second  
comb-like electrode being formed with single-layer  
films mainly containing aluminum,

20 the relationship among the film thickness  $h$  of  
the first comb-like electrode and the second comb-like  
electrode, the center frequency  $f_1$  of the frequency  
band of the ladder filter, and the center frequency  $f_2$   
of the frequency band of the multimode filter, being  
expressed as:

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$$300 \leq h \times f_1 \leq 480$$
$$300 \leq h \times f_2 \leq 430.$$

30 2. The duplexer as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the relationship among the film thickness  $h$ , the center  
frequency  $f_1$ , and the center frequency  $f_2$ , is expressed  
as:

$$300 \leq h \times f_1 \leq 420$$
$$350 \leq h \times f_2 \leq 410.$$

35 3. A duplexer comprising  
a ladder filter and a multimode filter that are  
formed on an identical surface of a piezoelectric  
substrate,

40 a first comb-like electrode of the ladder filter  
and a second comb-like electrode of the multimode

filter having an identical layer structure with an equal film thickness,

the first comb-like electrode and the second comb-like electrode being formed with single-layer 5 films mainly containing aluminum, or single- or multi-layer films including n layers (n being an integer of 1 or greater), the n layers including a layer mainly containing a metal other than aluminum,

the relationship among the film thickness  $h_k$  of 10 the kth layer (k being an integer of 1 or greater) of the first comb-like electrode and the second comb-like electrode, the specific gravity  $\alpha_k$  of the metal of the kth layer with respect to aluminum, the center frequency  $f_1$  of the frequency band of the ladder filter, 15 and the center frequency  $f_2$  of the frequency band of the multimode filter, being expressed as:

$$300 \leq f_1 \times \sum_{k=1}^n (\alpha_k \times h_k) \leq 480$$
$$300 \leq f_2 \times \sum_{k=1}^n (\alpha_k \times h_k) \leq 430$$

20 4. The duplexer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the relationship among the film thickness  $h_k$ , the specific gravity  $\alpha_k$ , the center frequency  $f_1$ , and the center frequency  $f_2$ , is expressed as:

$$300 \leq f_1 \times \sum_{k=1}^n (\alpha_k \times h_k) \leq 420$$
$$350 \leq f_2 \times \sum_{k=1}^n (\alpha_k \times h_k) \leq 410$$

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5. The duplexer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined substrate is a rotated Y-cut X-propagation lithium tantalate substrate on which 30 surface acoustic wave propagates in the X direction.

6. The duplexer as claimed in claim 1,  
comprising a plurality of multimode filters.

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